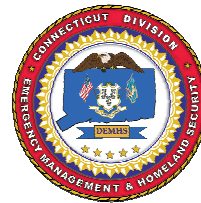




STATE OF CONNECTICUT
DEPARTMENT OF EMERGENCY SERVICES & PUBLIC PROTECTION
DIVISION OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT & HOMELAND SECURITY



Posted at 8:00 AM on 2/13/14...

STATUS OF THE STATE EMERGENCY OPERATIONS CENTER - ACTIVATED

No Significant Changes to the Forecast...

Winter Storm Warnings are now in effect for the entire state. A low pressure system located near the North Carolina Coast this morning is forecast to move slowly up the East Coast today and tonight, departing to the Northeast Friday morning. On this track our area can expect a period of moderate to heavy snow this morning, changing to a light mix this afternoon and back to moderate to heavy snow late tonight. Here's the latest forecast.

This Morning...Snow, increasing in intensity during the morning rush hour with 1" - 2" of snow on roadways by 8:00 AM and another 1" - 3" inches of snow during the morning rush hour. The snow is forecast to become heavy at times by 9:00 AM and continue thru the midday and into early this afternoon. A rain/snow line is forecast to move from the Southeast Coast at noon AM into the Hartford area by 3:30 PM and into the NW Hills by 6:00 PM. Towns can expect approximately 5" - 8" of snow before the changeover with the lower amounts along the coast and the higher amounts in Northern CT. The precipitation intensity is forecast to drop back down to a light mix around 3:00 PM with a mix of rain, some freezing rain and sleet across most of the state during the afternoon rush hour and into this evening. Temperatures are forecast to range from the upper 20's in Northern CT to the low 30's along the coast during the day. Northeast winds are forecast to gradually increase during the day reaching 20 - 30 MPH with gusts to 40 MPH by the afternoon rush hour.

Currently the impact on the morning rush hour is expected to be minor across Northern CT and Moderate along the coast with a light to moderate snow cover on most roads. The impact on the afternoon rush hour is expected to be minor to moderate across most of the state with snow cover and slush on roads near the coast and snow cover on roads in Northern CT where some roads may be very slick and snow covered. The NE winds combined with the wet snow and some freezing rain may result in a minor number of power outages.

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Tonight...Mixed precipitation changing back to snow in Western CT around 10:00 PM and across the rest of the state by 2:00 AM. There will likely be another period of moderate to heavy snow across Western CT between midnight and 5:00 AM with 4" - 8" inches of additional accumulation in Western CT and 1" - 3" inches of additional accumulation in Eastern CT. The snow is forecast to end completely by 6:00 AM on Friday. The impact on the Friday morning rush hour is forecast to be moderate with snow cover on most roads and some patches of black ice.

Total accumulations are expected to range from 5" - 8" along the coast, 8" - 12" across most of the state and up to 14" in the NW Hills.

The Department of Emergency Services and Public Protection, Division of Emergency Management and Homeland Security will issue another update on this storm at 11:30 AM this morning.